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County Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE SHELBY COUNTY FIRE CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN ORDINANCE # 251 ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2001, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES AS HEREINAFTER SET OUT AND ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFORE. ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER CHISM.

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Board of Commissioners have previously adopted the Standard Fire Prevention Code, 1999 Edition, with certain local amendments thereto, now collectively known as the Shelby County Fire Prevention Code; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that it is necessary and prudent to make certain changes in that Code by way of amendment incorporated herein by reference, as if set out in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Board of Commissioners has previously adopted the 2003 International Code Council Editions of the Building, Mechanical Plumbing, Existing Building, Fuel Gas and Electrical Codes and wishes to insure that the Shelby County Fire Prevention Code is compatible to the maximum extent practical with these other Technical Codes as locally amended and adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Section 1. The Shelby County Fire Prevention Code is hereby amended by adopting the *2003 Edition of the International Code Council (ICC) Fire Code* including:

Appendix B- Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings
Appendix C - Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution
Appendix D - Fire Apparatus Access Road
Appendix E - Hazard Categories
Appendix F - Hazard Ranking
Appendix G - Cryogenic Fluids –Weight And Volume Equivalents

in substitution for, and instead of, the Standard Fire Prevention Code, 1999 Edition and local amendments thereto, as heretofore adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County on September 10, 2001.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Shelby County Fire Prevention Code is further amended by adoption of the local amendment, attached to this Ordinance.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the *2003 ICC Fire Code* and those local amendments attached to this Ordinance are hereby incorporated by reference as if set out herein in their entirety, including the appendix sections noted above as adopted from the 2003 International Fire Code.

Section 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County on May 1, 2009 by virtue of the passage thereof by the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County.

Chairman of County Commission

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date_____

ATTEST

Clerk of County Commission

First Reading Date

Second Reading Date

Third Reading Date

SUMMARY SHEET

I. Description of Item

This item adopts by reference the 2003 Edition of the ICC Fire Code. This updated Code is intended to insure better coordination between the Shelby County Fire Prevention Code and the other Technical Codes that also recently were adopted and are based on the 2003 editions of their respective ICC versions.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

Not Applicable

III. Contract Items

Not Applicable

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

I. Description of Item

There are numerous technical changes, but the following should be noted:

1. There are no increases in the fees charged for services related to the inspection of plans and the issuance of permit by the Shelby County Fire Department in these amendments.
2. The City of Memphis Fire Department recently adopted the 2003 Edition of the ICC Fire Code and most of the technical local amendments found in the City Fire Code have been included in the County Fire Code for better consistency and uniformity of interpretation.
3. The administrative provisions designate the Shelby County Joint Board of Appeals as the Board to hear any appeals of the Decision of the Fire Marshal.
4. Sprinkler requirements are extended to the following structures:
 - a. All new one and two family dwellings with more than 4,000 square feet in area
 - b. All new residential structures, regardless of square footage that are more than 700 feet from a public roadway

II. Source and Amount of Funding

No new funding is needed for this item.